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Regular Meeting
1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2010

Agenda

I. Opening (*Tab 1*)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - Work Session – July 15, 2010
 - Regular Meeting – July 15, 2010

II. Formal Public Comment

Time has been allocated at the beginning of the meeting for individuals or groups to address the State Board on general issues. Prior to the meeting being called to order persons wishing to address the Board should sign up on the appropriate form giving their name and topic they will address. Individuals or groups wishing to address the Board on specific agenda items should so note on the sign up sheet. They will be called upon at that time on the agenda. Each group should choose one representative to speak and comments should be limited to five minutes. Speakers will be recognized by the Board President in the order their names appear. If a large number of people sign up to speak, the Board President may at his/her discretion, limit the number of persons allowed to speak.

Please Note: The Board is not able to respond to questions by or engage in a dialogue with those offering comments during the Board meeting. In addition, comments made on matters governed by specific procedures which establish a formal record cannot and will not be considered by the Board in making its decisions.

III. State Board Business

- A. Reports/Discussions
 - A.1 Committee Reports from State Board Members
- B. Budget Items
 - None.
- C. Other
 - None.

IV. Presentations (*Tab 2*)

A. State Board of Education

None.

B. Department of Education

B.1 Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Update and Report of Standard Setting Process– 20 Minutes

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

During the week of August 9, the DCAS standard-setting process was held to identify cut scores that indicate whether students have achieved and established a level of proficiency on DCAS. Staff from DOE and AIR worked with groups of panelists including teachers, administrators, and community members to identify performance levels and standards. Dr. Linda Rogers, Associate Secretary for Teaching and Learning, will make the presentation.

B.2 DPAS II Student Growth Measures – 15 minutes

(College and Workforce Readiness Branch)

Dr. Amelia Hodges, Associate Secretary, College and Workforce Readiness Branch, and Dr. Wayne Barton, Director of Teacher and Administrator Quality Development will provide the Board with an update of the progress on defining DPAS II student growth measures.

B.3 2010 School Accountability Overview and Ratings – 20 minutes

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

Joanne Reihm, Education Associate for Accountability, will provide an overview of the accountability system and the 2010 school ratings.

B.4 School Accountability Sanctions - Restructuring of Schools - 10 minutes

(College and Workforce Readiness Branch)

Dr. Lori Duerr, Education Associate, LEA and School Success Support will present one LEA restructuring plan for the State Board's discussion and recommendation.

C. Other Presentations

None.

D. Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion

V. Action Items

A. Department of Education Regulations (*Tab 3*)

A.1 Regulation 501 State Content Standards (For Action)

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 501 State Content Standards to reflect the State's adoption of the Common Core Standards in English language arts and mathematics. The Common Core Standards were developed in partnership with the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). State stakeholders participated in the review of the standards.

B. Professional Standards Board (*Tab 5*)

B.1 Amend 1521 Elementary Teacher (For Discussion)

Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1521 Elementary Teacher. It is necessary to amend this regulation in order to facilitate proper and current formatting trends. There are no changes in certification requirements. This regulation sets forth the requirements for an Elementary Teacher.

C. Charter Schools (*Tab 7*)

**C.1 Application to Modify an Existing Charter: East Side Charter School
(For Action)**

This school's Board of Directors has submitted an Application to Modify the school's charter seeking approval to reduce the administrative duties of the management company. This modification falls within the range for a minor modification, as defined by DOE Regulation 275 9.9.1.8.

The Secretary will make her report with respect to the application.

**C.2 Application to Modify an Existing Charter: Family Foundations Academy
(For Action)**

This school has submitted an Application to Modify the school's charter seeking approval to retrofit the multiple purpose room of the existing site to accommodate grades 6 and 7. This modification falls within the range for a minor modification, as defined by DOE Regulation 275 9.9.1.7.

**C.3 Progress on Conditions Placed on Academy of Dover Charter School
(For Information)**

Academy of Dover Charter School was placed on probation at the October 23, 2008 State Board meeting. A monthly report continues to be presented to the Board as to the progress the school is making to meet conditions placed on the charter.

**C.4 Charter Schools Update
(For Information)**

The monthly update on charter schools is attached.

D. Other Action Items (*Tab 8*)

**D.1 Proposed Personal Finance Standards
(For Discussion)**

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director, Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development will present an overview on the proposed Personal Finance Standards. These standards are

proposed for addition to the existing Social Studies Standards as a fifth content strand (Geography, Civics, History, Economics are the existing strands). A copy of the proposed Personal Finance Standards has been sent to the registrar, and a public notice requesting comment has been posted.

E. Appeals and Reviews (*Tab 9*)

**E.1 C.R. v. Red Clay School District Board of Education
(2010-02) (For Action)**

The State Board may consider the recommendation of the hearing officer in this appeal.

**E.2 V.S. v. Christina School District Board of Education
(2010-04) (For Action)**

The State Board may consider the recommendation of the hearing officer in this appeal.

**E.3 B.R. v. Appoquinimink School District Board of Education
(2010-06) (For Action)**

This appeal was received on June 24, 2010 and Dr. David Taylor was appointed to act as the hearing officer. The matter was scheduled for consideration on August 4, 2010. On July 22, 2010, a letter on behalf of the student was received, asking that the appeal be withdrawn or rescinded. The parties were notified that the request would be presented as a request for dismissal at the August 19, 2010 meeting for the State Board consideration.

**E.4 T.W. v. Capital School District Board of Education
(2010-04) (For Information)**

Notice is given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education on July 16, 2010, who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board appointed Dr. Thomas Pledgie on July 20, 2010 to act as the hearing officer.

VI. Information Items (*Tab 10*)

A. Federal Grants by District

(Finance Reform & Resource Management Branch)

The monthly review of federal grants by districts as awarded thus far under project proposals is attached.

B. Personnel

(Secretary of Education's Office)

Appointments

Peter Shulman, Leader, Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Unit, Race to the Top, Secretary of Education Office, effective August 15, 2010.

John Carwell, Jr., Education Associate, Charter School Program, Deputy Secretary of Education Office, effective August 1, 2010.

Promotions

Amelia Hodges to Associate Secretary of the College and Workforce Readiness Branch, effective July 4, 2010

Paul Pond, Education Specialist to Education Associate, Information Resources Manager, Technology Resources and Data Development, Financial Reform and Resources Management, effective July 4, 2010.

Sharon Haith, Secretary, Prison Education Program, Adult and Prison Education Resources, to Administrative Secretary I, Adult and Prison Education Resources, College and Workforce Readiness Branch, effective July 18, 2010.

Verna Thompson, Education Specialist, Early Childhood Education, Exceptional Children Resources to Education Associate, Early Childhood Education and 619 IDEA Coordinator, Early Childhood Development Resources, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective July 18, 2010.

Transfer

Jim Palmer, Strategic Planning Leader, RTTT to Leader, Performance Management Unit, RTTT, Secretary of Education Office, effective July 4, 2010.

Resignation

Kathryn Herel, Education Specialist, Surrogate Parent Program, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective Jun 30, 2010.

NOTE: During the course of this meeting, the State Board of Education may enter into Executive Session to consider strategy with respect to pending and potential litigation or with respect to personnel issues. The State Board may also take breaks.

The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The State Board reserves the right, pursuant to Section 10004(e) of the Freedom of Information Act, to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.